Date	Action
Early August	Initial service planning and budget guidance issued
August/ September	Work on formulating draft budgets
August/ September	First stage budget meetings between F&CR and service areas
15 September	Report to Executive on Performance and Finance Review 2009/10 – 1 st Quarter
October	Second stage budget meetings between F&CR and service areas
October	Final service planning guidance issued.
14-15 October	Second service and budget planning away-days - issues to be considered as part of First Reading debate
October/ November	Continue to develop proposals for achieving 4 year budget targets
Mid-November	Service areas and units begin process of developing service plans
11 November	Budget Panel receives and discusses 1 st reading debate papers
23 November	Full Council. First reading of Policy Framework and Budget
Early December	'Star chamber' meetings
9 December	Schools Forum meets to agree in principle funding formula and budget issues
9 December	Report to Executive on Performance and Finance Review 2009/10 – 2 nd Quarter
10 December	Release of the Mayor's consultation draft GLA budget
14 December	Executive sets Collection Fund Surplus/Deficit
Mid December	Confirmation of 2010/11 funding from central government
December/ January	Budget Panel collects evidence
Up to January	Consultation with residents, businesses, voluntary sector, partner agencies and trade unions on budget proposals.
10 January	Budget Panel collects evidence and discusses 1 st interim report
18 January	Executive reviews budget position and sets Collection Fund surplus/deficit
26 January	General Purposes Committee agrees Council Tax base
27 January	Greater London Assembly considers draft consolidated GLA budget
End of January	Members agree budget proposals to be presented to February Executive.

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Early February	Schools Forum meets to agree the recommended Schools Budget
10 February	Budget Panel receives budget proposals prior to the Executive. Discusses second interim report.
10 February	Greater London Assembly's final consideration of consolidated budget.
15 February	Executive considers and announces administration's final budget proposals, agrees fees and charges for the following year and agrees savings/budget reductions for the HRA budget report as well as the overall average rent increase.
Late February	Budget Panel receives the outcome of Executive's budget report and agrees a final report
1 March	Full Council agrees budget
March	Service areas return completed budget book papers
Late March	Service plans and corporate budget book published

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